Women

SIMMS-RAYNER NUPTIALS

Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon Simms following their recent marriage. The bride is the former Sandra Arlene Rayner, daughter of Mrs. Helen Rayner of Bedeque and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Simms of French River.

HAPPENINGS

Mrs. G.G. Bennett, Alberton, entertained a few friends at bridge Friday afternoon. The prize was presented to Mrs. James Hodgson. Mrs. J. H. Wells and Mrs. W.R. Oulton were guests during the tea hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockhart, Summerside East, had as their weekend guest, Miss Helen Lockhart, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Kenneth Linkletter was hostess to her bridge club at her home in Summerside on Thursday evening.

Mrs. J.H. Huestis and daughter Darla, accompanied by Mrs. William Moir, and Mrs. Allison Horne, returned to their homes in Summerside on Tuesday, after visiting in Halifax, N.S., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkins.

The marriage of Mary Norma Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Craig, Middleton and Arnold Leslie Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reeves, Summerside R.R., took place at Trinity United Church Summerside on Thursday February 14th. 1963. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Cecil R. Webber.

Attendants were Miss Judith Tuplin, cousin of the bride, and Blair Drummond.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Birch Hill Tourist Home. The couple are honeymooning in the Maritimes.

Ten tables were in play on Monday night at the Kensington Royal Canadian Legion Home, when a card party was held for the Jackson Fire Fund. sponsored by the Legion. Prizes for men were, first, Edwin Beairsto, second, Earl Carr, consolation, James Craier; for ladies, first, Mrs. Ray Douglas, second, Mrs. Wilbur Lawless, consolation, Mrs. William Gill, door prize, Ellwood Clark.

Mrs. Wilfred Pickering has returned to her home at Clinton after spending the past five months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Profitt and Mr. Profitt, Margate.

Mrs. Elmer Mouse presided at an executive meeting held in St. Mark's Hall, Kensington on Monday afternoon for the purpose of planning the Women's World Day of Prayer services for Kensington and vicinity. Representatives were present from the women's groups of Margate and Kensington Churches. The service for women will be held on Friday, March 1st at 2.30 at St. Mark's Church, and a service for girls will be held at 7 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church. It was pointed out that these services are for all women and girls whether or not they belong to a church group.

Miss Sheila Caseley spent the past weekend at her home at Kelvin Grove.

Nine tables of progressive auction were in play on Tuesday evening in New London Hall, sponsored by the Women's Institute. Prizes for ladies high went to Mrs. Leigh Brown, men's high to Louis MacLeod. Consolation prizes were received by the women's groups of Margate and Kensington Churches. The service for women will be held on Friday, March 1st at 2.30 at St. Mark's Church, and a service for girls will be held at 7 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church. It was pointed out that these services are for all women and girls whether or not they belong to a church group.

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MARY HAWORTH

Wife Relates Sordid Tale Of Her Husband's Family

Dear Mary Haworth: We are married 29 years. My husband's mother disowned him for getting married, not entirely because of me. It would have been any girl.

She had two sons and five daughters and couldn't marry off the girls fast enough. But she wanted her sons to stay single and drop their pay envelopes into her lap.

We have three grown children, two married and the third engaged to marry soon. Through the years, all the cousins would show our children their gifts from Grandma. Our children, who got nothing from her, would choke up and ask us in tears: "Mamma, why doesn't Grandma give us presents, too?" This I will never forget or forgive.

Years ago my husband fell seriously ill. He was told he would never walk again. He had no income, no compensation, his medication was very expensive and it was just a couple of months before Christmas. His folks, living a block away, never offered a penny's worth of help, while our youngest walked to school in slush and snow with holes in her shoes.

Then we heard of a specialist who took my husband's case, put him on his feet with a brace on his back and he returned to work. The children grew up and got jobs and things were just wonderful.

Now, suddenly, his family is passing the hat for money for a gift for his mother. A sister wrote us: "Eight of us are chipping in to get Mom a storm door; so send Mom the $10 right away." I refused... But I caught my husband trying to sneak the money into a letter to his mother.

I blew my top. First real argument in 29 years. I threatened to leave him for doing this sneaky thing, showing preference to his mother's wishes over mine. I really feel I hate him for this. What should I do? — C.B.

Dear C.B.: A proverb says, "You can't touch pitch without being defiled." Figuratively this has been your experience.

You married the hapless son of an emotionally twisted woman, a vampirish mom-mother who hates vindictively instead of loving when her unseemly selfishness on that score is challenged.

In the unwary self-confidence of youth, you involved yourself in their inherently sick-sick relationship when you became his wife and her rejected daughter-in- law, the innnocent target of her baleful ill will.

Thus enveloped in the climate of hate which permeates that pattern of family feeling, you, too, became emotionally sick eventually. That's why you had a nervous breakdown prior to the time your husband fell ill. It is also why you feel you can never forget or forgive the mom-mother's perennial cold war which hurt your children.

Paradoxical as it may sound, you will have triumphed over her in every way when you can close the book on the past with peaceful heart and can treat her as charitably today as she should have treated you, when the children were small and your household needed help.

So don't let her history of cussedness poison your mind, soul and spirit incurably. Don't let hate submerge your personality. Instead latch on to the grace of God and "overcome evil with good."

Your husband was wrong in trying to slip his mother the $10 that you flatly refused to send her. If he could neither subscribe to your stand nor openly persuade you to change your mind, he should have stayed neutral, all things considered. So I sympathize with your sense of outrage.

My advice is, get psychiatric or pastoral help, firsthand, without a day's delay, in learning how to deal maturely with your trials.— M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

UCW Hears Summary On Work Of Missionary

The Mrs. A. J. Matheson Auxiliary of the O'Leary United Church Women held their regular monthly meeting in the Christian Education Centre recently.

The president, Mrs. Gerald Gamble presided and opened the meeting with Hymn 252.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and the supply secretary, Mrs. Everett Milligan, reported sufficient knitted squares on hand for a crib quilt. She also read correspondence in regard to the great need for supplies for Overseas Relief, the community friendship secretary reported nine treats, three flowers, eighteen cards, ten shut-ins and there were 28 hospital visits made during the month.

Mrs. Kenneth Campbell gave a message on stewardship and plans were made for the World Day Prayer Service to be held in the Bloomfield United Church on Friday afternoon March 1st.

Mrs. Allison Silliker was appointed devotional leader for the March meeting with Mrs. Preston Thomson on missionary prayer. Mrs. Charles Willis and Mrs. Bruce MacDougall will be on lunch committee.

Mrs. Freeman MacWilliams gave a summary of the work Miss Wilma Thomas, RN, is doing as a missionary and offered prayer on her behalf.

The treasurer, Mrs. Charles Willis, gave her report.

A study was presented by Mrs. Herbert Vatcher and Mrs. Charles Willis on Okinawa. The theme of the devotional period was "Our Needy Brethren", and it was led by Mrs. Vatcher, assisted by Mrs. Louis Bernard, who read scripture from St. John 5th Chapter, verses 1.17.

Responsive reading was taken from the 9th Psalm. Prayer meditation, hymn and benediction closed the meeting.

A social period was followed by lunch, served by the committee in charge.

SOURIS CWL

The Souris Council of the Catholic Women's League held their February meeting in St. Mary's hall with 20 members present. Chepstow, Souris River and Souris Line Road Units were represented. The President, Mrs. Rena Boylan presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The Secretary, Mrs. J. J. MacDonald read the minutes of the January meeting, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence MacDonald read the financial report.

Correspondence was read including a letter from Mrs. Arthur Paquet asking for assistance with Red Cross work, Mrs. Hilary Chevrier was appointed to assist with this work.

Convenors gave their reports: The Catholic Marriage Manual and The Catholic Family Handbook were given to the members for reading. It was decided that $5 be given to the Jackson Fund; $5 to Our Lady's Missionaries; $5 to National Scholarship and $10 to The Sacred Heart Program. The CWL Council will sponsor a Public Speaking contest at St. Mary's Convent and cater to a Boy Scout, Father and Son banquet on February 21st.

Reverend J. J. Dunphy addressed the meeting and Mrs. Arthur MacDonald gave a talk on "Church Unity" passing out questionnaires, which were discussed and answered by the members, in groups. An interesting discussion followed conducted by Father Dunphy.

EXPOSE REPRESSION

MOSCOW (Reuters)—A bitter expose of the enforced collectivization of Ukrainians in the early 1930s has appeared here, but caused hardly a ripple in the Soviet literary world. The first real story of death from starvation as Stalin forced collectivization to establish the power of the Communist party—titled People Are Not Angels by middle-aged Soviet writer Van Stadnyuk—filled 11 pages of Neva, the monthly literary magazine of the Russian writers' union.

Donation Made For Clinic

A substantial amount of money was donated to assist the Souris Branch in establishing a dental clinic in Souris, it was reported at the combined monthly and annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of Souris Royal Canadian Legion held recently.

The sum of $100 was given to the United Appeal, and $154 for uniforms to the Little League Baseball team, $20 to retarded children, $35 for school prizes, $15 to the Jackson Fund and other charitable organizations.

The auxiliary was active during the past year catering to weddings, banquets, etc.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting the following slate of officers were elected: honorary president, Mrs Helena Keus; president, Mrs. George Webster; first vice- president, Mrs. Mariam Harris and secretary- treasurer, Mrs. Anne Hennessey.

Mrs. Margaret Jarvis was elected chairman of the executive and on entertainment is Mrs. Anne Hennessey. Mrs. Ruby Battersby and Helena Keus are on the sick committee.

A lunch and social hour followed the meeting.

and Frank Jardine. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

The February meeting of the Laura Bain W.M.S. of the Summerside Baptist Church was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C.B. Jelly. The president, Mrs. Edward Poole, opened with the Spiritual Life message and devotions on "The Spirit of Missions". Prayer was offered by Mrs. Jelly and Mrs. J.F. Jenkins. The Study Lesson on "Homes with Holes" was presented by Mrs. Elmer Newson and Mrs. Harry Crossman, assisted by Miss Ruth Simmons and Mrs. Hedley Myers. The Tidings Digest was given by Mrs. John Leuty, after which a White Cross Box was packed. Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Ellsworth MacNeill were lunch hostesses.

Mrs. Stuart Drummond and Mrs. Robert Haslam were joint hostesses at the home of the former recently in Summerside when they tendered a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacKinnon. A presentation of a carving set and steak knive set, on behalf of those gathered. was made by Mr. Drummond. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Edgar Forsythe of Alberton is visiting in Summerside as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Campbell.

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Valentine Party Family Reunion

A Valentine party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McPhail, Charlottetown, recently, with the main purpose being a gathering of the family of Mr. Lewis P. Tanton.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Edison Tanton, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tanton, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brehaut, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, Mrs. Cora MacNevin and Mrs. Elsie Beaton.

A turkey and goose dinner was served and the table was decorated with valentines and white cake trimmed with red hearts.

One daughter, Mrs. William Singleton, who resides in Wakefield, Mass., was unable to attend.

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